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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1-6 wherein said digitally encoded data is encoded in a fault tolerant digital form using a Reed-Solomon process and said means for processing and decoding said data includes means for processing said Reed-Solomon process.
3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1-6 wherein said invisible ink is an infra-red absorbing ink, and wherein said invisible radiation is infra-red light.
4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1-6 wherein said ink jet printer means includes means for printing out on a print media attached to said ink jet printer means both the image depicted in the photograph and the image data digitally encoded data, said image digitally encoded data being printed in invisible ink in an encoded form, said image and image data being derived from said decoded data.
5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 wherein said image digitally encoded data is encoded in a fault tolerant digital form using a Reed-Solomon process and said means for processing and decoding said image data output from the scanner means includes means for processing said Reed-Solomon process.
6. (New) An apparatus for reproducing an image depicted in a photograph, the photograph also carrying digitally encoded data printed in invisible ink, the apparatus comprising:
a scanner means for scanning the digital data;
means for advancing the photograph through the scanner means;
means for illuminating the photograph with invisible radiation;
means for processing data output from the scanner means, the means for processing data including means for decoding the digitally encoded data scanned by the scanner means;
and,
inkjet printer means for receiving data from the means for processing data to print the image depicted in the photograph; wherein,
the data used to print the image is derived from the digitally encoded data.